

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 822

asked on Tuesday, 5 June 2007

MR HOPPER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to recent reports of major infestations of the Water Hyacinth weed in the Brisbane River causing severe loss of water—

- (1) What measures is his department taking to control or eradicate this weed outbreak?
- (2) Have any major water releases from the Wivenhoe Dam or Mt Crosby Weir been required to assist in the control or eradication of this weed?
- (3) What releases have occurred from the Wivenhoe Dam or Mt Crosby Weir (reported separately) for each month since 1 July 2006?

ANSWER:

- (1) As Water Hyacinth is the responsibility of the Honourable Tim Mulherin MP, Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries, I refer the Member to Minister Mulherin.
- (2) Releases from Wivenhoe Dam are managed by SEQ Water who has advised my Department that there have been no releases made for the control or eradication of Water Hyacinth. SEQ Water has further advised that the releases from Wivenhoe Dam are managed such that water does not spill over Mount Crosby Weir.
- (3) SEQ Water has provided my Department with details of the releases made from Wivenhoe Dam since July 2006.

SEQ Water advise that these figures include the total volumes released from Wivenhoe Dam for all downstream water users.

Month	Megalitres
Jul-06	11,342
Aug-06	11,106
Sep-06	9,610
Oct-06	11,309
Nov-06	11,292
Dec-06	11,780

Jan-07	11,437
Feb-07	10,297
Mar-07	12,424
Apr-07	10,738
May-07	12,123